

DECISION NOTICE:

Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks Development of a Rifle Range being Relocated to Replace the Existing Rifle Range within Makoshika State Park

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DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED ACTION

Proposed action is for Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) to begin the initial phase of Glendive Shooting Range Development. Subsequent development of the shooting range will be addressed in a future EA

PUBLIC PROCESS AND COMMENT

The public comment period for the draft Environmental Assessment for the proposed project began October 30, 2007 and ran through November 26, 2007. The Environmental Assessment was posted on the Montana State's electronic bulletin board and distributed to individuals known to have an interest in the project in the Glendive area and statewide. One public comment was received during the comment period. The comment received is in favor of the proposed action.

DECISION

Based on the analysis in the Environmental Assessment (EA) and the applicable laws, regulations and policies, I have determined that this action will not have a significant effect on the natural or human environment. Therefore an Environmental Impact Statement will not be prepared.

The Environmental Assessment becomes the final decision for FWP to proceed with the second phase of Glendive Shooting Range Development. Future ongoing development of the shooting range beyond this scope of work will require future Environmental Assessments that will provide opportunity for public comment.

Please direct any further requests or questions to Bryce Christensen, Region Seven Supervisor, or John Little, Region Seven Park Manager.



Bryce A. Christensen
Regional Supervisor